Dear Parents,

**London Olympics**

What an amazing Olympics!! London certainly turned it on with spectacular venues and the scenery was stunning. A country with much history to show off and highlight over the two-week period. As the athletes head home they can be proud of their efforts and I always also look forward to seeing some tremendous achievements in a few weeks time during the Paralympic Games that will also be held in London from 29th August to 9th September. I hope many of you have been inspired to ‘go that extra’ to strive for your goals. The many stories of hard work and dedication that have been outlined during the Olympics can only challenge us to give everything we do our absolute best. We do not have to be Olympians to show the magnificent things we can achieve!

**Ella and Fella**

The rehearsals are in full swing with the songs being heard throughout the school on Monday and Thursday mornings as the children practice in their performing groups. I trust you are ensuring your children are arriving on time to make sure they don’t miss out on this important practice time.

Performing in the whole school musical is a wonderful aspect of life at Kilberry Valley Primary School and it is an expectation that ALL STUDENTS are a part of the Ella and Fella. Why would you want to miss out on this wonderful theatrical experience!!

**Different Kids Same Classroom**

Walking around the school this term it is fantastic to see some varied and exciting activities that are enlightening our students. Thank you so much to all our community members who have given their time to attend their child’s class to outline something that is of interest about their heritage. In that light we have been sent the following information for your interest:

**Multicultural Festival in Casey** - Saturday 25 August

The City of Casey are hosting a FREE event for families where a Multicultural Festival of tastes, textiles, performance and sounds can be experienced.

Arthur Wren Hall, 16 - 20 Stuart Avenue, Hampton Park

Time: 11am to 3pm

Celebrity Chef, Mark Olive will be appearing at 12noon. Mark is from the Outback Café, Masterchef - Master class.

**Newsletter Sign Up**

I take the opportunity to remind you that you can access the newsletter ‘Valley Views’ on line each week. This is a far better way to read all the weekly news in colour!!!!

It’s an easy 6 step process:


Click on ‘subscribe to the mailing list’ link on the left of the page

Click on the ‘enter your details here’ link

Enter your email address and click the ‘next’ button

You will soon receive an email and you need to click the ‘continue here’ link

Tick the newsletter subscription box and click ‘save changes’

**That’s it!!! How simple!!!**

You will then receive an email each week to let you know the newsletter has been posted online. There will even be a link in that email to take you straight to the newsletter. I encourage all students to help mum or dad subscribe over the next few weeks to increase the electronic delivery of the Valley Views to the school community.

**Parent Opinion Survey**

If there are any Parent Survey forms to still be delivered to school please do so tomorrow as we need to send them off to the Department for analysis. Thank you again for your time and efforts to get these done.

**Wet Days / Entering the School Buildings**

Some mornings of late have been very cold and sometimes wet; therefore I remind you that staff are not on duty until 8.45am as they are preparing for the day ahead. I would ask you to ensure your children are supervised up to this time. I also remind you also that no students or parents should be entering the school buildings before the doors are opened by staff unless of course you have an appointment. I also ask that parents do not enter the Prep corridor at the end of the day to wait for your children. This is causing some distractions for the students. Please wait at the outside doors for your children to be dismissed. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

**Footy News**

It’s not only the AFL that is bringing excitement in the school yard at present as the students are gearing up for the Staff Students Footy Match to be held on Footy Day Friday 7th September. I hope the students are training hard because as we all know - the Kilberry Valley staff are a group of talented, and highly skilled footballers!! A bit like the mighty Hawks really – at the top of their game and flying high!! Go Hawks!!

Have a great week and keep smiling!!

Neil Cunningham

Principal
Healthy Living Day was held on the last week of Term 2! It is an annual event where the children of Kilberry Valley Primary School celebrate the importance of physical activity and healthy eating.

The day included the following healthy activities...

- A Zumba Challenge lead by a professional instructor
- Food Sampling - Yummy toasted cheese and tomato melts
- The Great Health Swap
- Many other activities and competitions for the day. Our grand prize an ‘Ipod Shuffle’ was won by Dylan 6KR for his magnificent Zumba moves!

Grade 3 and 4’s working hard at the Zumba Challenge!

Preps sampling our healthy cheese and tomatoes toasted sandwiches!

Many other healthy activities throughout the day including The Great Health Swap and the Health Star!
**SCHOOL MUSICAL TICKET SALES**

Orders for our School Musical Production “Ella & Fella” will be for sale from Monday 13th August. Please remember that tickets are limited to 2 per family and are priced at $18 each. Performance dates are Monday 17th September to Thursday 20th September, 2012 at 7pm at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham. Please return the order slip below to your child’s classroom teacher with correct payment enclosed in a clearly labelled envelope by Friday 31st August, 2012. 

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**Grade:**…………………………………………………………..

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**Number of Tickets required (Please Circle)**

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KILBERRY VALLEY NOTICES SENT HOME
The following notices have been sent home to families and require your prompt attention:

FOOTY DAY LUNCH DEAL
Orders and payments MUST be received by Wednesday 22nd August. The Lunch Deal is $4.50. Please note that this is not a compulsory activity.

APROBEAT: AFRICAN DRUMMING EXTRAVAGANZA
(Whole School Incursion)
Consent forms and payment MUST be received by Friday 24th August, 2012. The cost of this incursion is $2.50.

Students who do not return consent forms and payments by the closing date for incursions/excursions will not be able to participate in the activity. We would appreciate your support and co-operation with these matters. Thank you.

LATE PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED

Human Powered Vehicle Sponsors
We thank the following sponsors for their generosity in proudly sponsoring the HPV team for 2012:

Cablelink
John Graham
0408 143 644

Bark King
54 Fussell Rd
Montrose
9728 5200
www.barkking.com.au

Bridgestone Tyre Centre
70 Hallam Road,
Hampton Park
Phone: 9799 8300

C.H.I.P.S (Christians Helping in Primary School)
LIFE GETS BETTER ADVENTURE CAMP
This is a camp for children aged 6-12 who have gone through a death in the family, divorce or major grief.

September 7-9, 2012 at Phillip Island Adventure Resort
The cost is $50 per child.
For bookings phone 9702 5528 or email: enquiries@chips.org.au

PARENTS WELCOME!

FUNDRAISING NEWS
Father’s Day Stall 2012
Our Father’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 30th August, 2012.
We have a wide range of gifts available on the day for $3 and $5 only.
Helpers are required on the day so if you can spare some time please also leave your name at the School Office. Please note that you must have a current Working With Children Licence to be able to volunteer at the stall on the day.

Thank you

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CANTENE WILL BE OPEN ON THE DAY FOR LUNCH ORDERS AND COUNTER SALES AT LUNCH TIME ONLY

Creative Problem Solving Competition
Here is your opportunity to show off your problem solving skills and be in the draw for some fabulous prizes.

Where: University of Melbourne
When: Saturday 1st September 2012
Who: From Grades 3 up to year 8
Prizes: 1st = Apple iPad + trophy
2nd = $200 worth of gifts + trophy
3rd = $100 worth of gifts + trophy
Results: Each participant will receive a certificate and a detailed report of their results.
Register: Before August 21st 2012.
Cost: $20.00

If you would like to register for this competition please see Miss Caputo in U6 for an enrolment form.

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WELFARE CORNER

Learning to make good decisions and solve problems
Children as well as adults make decisions every day.

Even young children regularly choose how they will behave, which toys or games they would like to play with, which books they would like to have read to them, or which television shows they would like to watch. As they get older children make bigger decisions that often involve their family, their friends and their schoolwork.

The kinds of decisions children make affect their wellbeing, their relationships and their success.

Children learn skills for making good decisions gradually. Parents, carers and teaching staff can help children learn how to make good decisions by providing effective guidance and supporting them as they practise.

How decision making skills develop

Children’s decision making is strongly influenced by the expectations and values they learn from those around them. This occurs through observing others (particularly those close to them), hearing about and discussing values, and having opportunities to make decisions and experience their consequences. Though young children have some skills for making decisions, they do not yet have the experience to understand and decide about the complex situations that adults must deal with.

Developing skills for logical thinking and problem solving supports children’s growing abilities for effective decision making. As children develop skills for managing their thinking as well as their feelings, they become better at putting decisions into practice and at keeping them on track. For example, children who have learned to use thinking to manage their behaviour are able to say to themselves, “Stop, I’d better think about this first.” The ability to think before acting helps children control impulsive behaviour and make better decisions. Being able to think about time and plan ahead provides a basis for children to evaluate options by considering long-term goals, not just immediate circumstances. The table below shows some ways that children’s developing thinking skills help them learn to make decisions and solve problems.

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Book Your Child’s next Party with

BERWICK

*Special Offer Book Now and Receive 10% discount on a Complete Party or Extra Fun Party.
For bookings made by Sept 30th 2012

Throw a birthday Party your child and their friends will never forget! Including a cooking session, party food, and hosted games plus more, our cooking party is a fun way to have an original and action-packed birthday party, with something to do from the minute the guest of honor and friends arrive until the moment they leave.

Gourmet Kids runs Kinder classes, After school classes and School Holiday Programmes at Glen Iris. *Mention this ad for 50% off Kinder & After School classes.